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## HON. OTTO KLETTNER APPOINTED ON DEFENSE BOARD

Gov. Manning's Scant and Tardy Recognition of Reform Party Brings Quality, Not Quantity, to the Front.

Charleston American.

Columbia, May 25.—Scant though it be, and late though it has come, the appointment by Gov. Manning of three reformers as members of the State council of defense, is a recognition of the fact that the interests of South Carolina in this war emergency have been trampled under foot by discriminations against at least half the white voters of the State, and evidences a realization of the fact that the people of South Carolina have become very restive under the absolutism in this State which laughs at democracy.

It is the first recognition which the reform faction has had at the head of the present administration, although Gov. Manning in his first inaugural address promised to know no faction and to be governor of all the people.

Possibly the reform convention held here last week and the visit of its committee to Washington was not in vain.

### One-Eighth.

The State council of defense is composed of 24 members. The representation given the reformers is only one-eighth, but that is more than they have ever given before on any board appointed by Gov. Manning, though it is the great masses of the people, most of whom are reformers, who must be looked to for the carrying of South Carolina safely and honorably through what promises to be the most serious crisis in all her history.

It will be recalled that in this correspondence, under date of May 19, was published a letter which had been written by Maj. J. G. Richards in which Major Richards, complying, as he said, with the governor's request, submitted eight names to the governor for appointment on the council. "You requested," said Major Richards in his letter, "that the ones named should be of those who are opposed to you in politics, and who are loyal and patriotic and who are capable and willing to serve their country," and "I am sure that the gentlemen whom I have named above will, with others to be appointed by you, measure up to the standard of true South Carolina manhood and prove worthy of our best traditions." The names submitted were those of Messrs. George Bell Timmerman, Olin Sawyer, Jeff D. Edens, O. L. Johnson, Thomas P. Brantley, Eugene R. Buckingham, Otto Klettner and J. W. Hinson. They were suggested by Major Richards after Gov. Manning had asked him to come to the governor's office and had made the request stated in Major Richards' letter.

The governor rejected six of the eight names submitted, appointing two of them, Messrs. Buckingham and Klettner. The other reformer he appointed is Major Richards himself.

### Quality and Quantity.

The representation given the reformers is so small numerically that it could not be called representation, in the sense that opposing parties in the national congress give each other representation on various committees, but it makes up in personnel what it lacks in numbers—for the three reformers appointed are men of loyalty, patriotism and ability and would adorn any board.

Major Richards has long been prominently identified with the reform party and in 1914, was a candidate for governor upon the reform platform. He is chairman of the State railroad commission and has the confidence of the people of the State of all political faiths and creeds.

In being selected as a member of the South Carolina council of defense, Mr. Otto Klettner of Newberry enjoys a distinction such as has come to few men in life. He is a native of Germany. Back in 1872 he came to Newberry and made his home. Becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States, he took an active interest in whatever was for the upbuilding of his adopted home, and by his upright life, his sterling integrity and his generous nature, he has won the love of his neighbors and the respect of all who know him. He is past grand master of the Odd Fellows of St. Luke's lodge, past great sachem of the Red Men and now a great representative to the great council of the United States. He has served the town of Newberry as alderman, mayor and member of the board of school trustees and in other important positions. He was a major on the military staff of Gov. Blease. Unless they have perished in battle, he has three brothers and a number of nephews in the German army. His son has enlisted in the Fourth company, coast artillery corps, National Guard of South Carolina, with headquarters at Jonesville.

Col. Eugene R. Buckingham lives at Ellenton, in Aiken county, and was a member of the committee sent by the reform convention to Washington last week. He is a simon pure farmer and has large planting interests. He was a colonel on the military staff of Gov. Blease. He is one of the most influential men in his section of the State.

## A GOOD APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR MANNING

In the appointment of Hon. Otto Klettner a member of the defense board for South Carolina Gov. Manning has made a good selection. Mr. Klettner is a native of Germany and when he last heard from his relatives over there he had two brothers in the German army and a number of nephews and unless they have been killed they are still doing duty in the army.

But Mr. Klettner has been a citizen of this country for about 40 years or



more having come to this good land in his youth and he is true to his adopted country in which his children have been born and reared and he will perform the duties of a good citizen in whatever capacity his services may be demanded. And the members of the board will find that they will have no more efficient or hard working member than Mr. Klettner and ready for any service.

His oldest son has enlisted in the army and if called to the trenches will have to be in the fighting line against his own people but he will not fail in his duty.

## SCORES PERISH IN TORNADOES; 2,000 HOMELESS

Death and Destruction in Wake of Storm Sweeping Mattoon, Ill., and Other Towns—Crops Are Ruined by Hail.

Chicago, May 26.—Spring tornadoes, making their appearance earlier than usual in the Central West, caused the deaths of more than 100 persons today and yesterday, the injury of several hundred more and property damage which can not be estimated because of serious loss in growing food crops.

Mattoon, Ill., was the heaviest sufferer in the storms, from 50 to 75 persons being killed there late today. This was more than twice as many as were killed in Kansas on Friday, when the village of Andale virtually was wiped out and heavy toll taken in the surrounding country, the dead being estimated at from 24 to 30. The storm today reeked the northern half of Mattoon, including nearly all the business section and rendered 2,000 persons homeless.

While the principal force of the storm struck Mattoon, other sections of Illinois were visited by vagrant tornadoes which left death and destruction as they twisted through a rich farming territory. Casualties were reported as follows: Westervelt, five dead, 21 injured, three of whom will die; Manhattan, one dead, six injured; Joliet, two injured; Elwood, four injured; Modesto, one dead, nine fatally hurt; Pearl, one fatally injured, four hurt; Charleston, many reported injured, but definite information lacking until wire communication is restored.

Early reports of property losses indicated that serious damage has been done to many towns. Substantial factories were blown to splinters in Mattoon. Joliet estimate a half million dollars' damage in Will county alone.

Hail followed the wind in many places, beating the crops to the ground.

## DESERVED TRIBUTE TO A NEWBERRY MAN

Columbia Record.

In selecting his State board of defense, Gov. Manning seems to have had in view the idea of getting men who would work. Among them is none more deserving of the respect of the people than Otto Klettner of Newberry. Mr. Klettner has never been a political supporter of Gov. Manning, but is a man of known integrity. Upon the occasion of the recent patriotic celebration in Newberry Mr. Klettner made a remarkable speech. A native of Germany and with two brothers in the army of the kaiser, he pledged his loyalty to the United States, the new home that he had found, and none knowing the man could doubt his sincerity.

fluent men in his section of the State.

The 21 other members of the council belong to the anti-reform faction in the State. Mr. D. R. Coker of Hartsville, the chairman of the council, is a chairman of the civic preparedness commission appointed by Gov. Manning some time ago.

## PERSHING SAYS U. S. WILL WIN IN EUROPE

Leader of First Expedition to France Says America Must Now Bear Brunt of Fighting.

Washington, May 26.—"Upon America is to rest the brunt of the terrible burdens to come. France is under a terrific drain. The more the French nation is drained in her material resources the more she is weakened in power to fight and it is the United States upon which the burden falls to meet all of the deficiencies caused through this drain."

Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, who will lead the first force of American fighters to France, so declared at the meeting today of the American Red Cross war council, called to start a campaign for \$100,000,000 relief fund. Ex-President Taft introduced Gen. Pershing as "the man of the hour."

### Must Help.

The general was wildly cheered for several minutes. Mr. Taft using a walking stick for a gavel, pounded hard before order was restored.

"The duty of meeting these deficiencies of France is in the hands of the United States," Gen. Pershing continued. "We of this country must help rehabilitate that country. We must help her orphans, her widows, and we must put her in a position to produce and become self supporting."

Gen. Pershing deplored the fact that in some parts of the United States today an apathetic feeling exists, a feeling which he said indicated that many of the people of the country do not realize that the United States really is in the midst of grim war.

### Apathetic Feeling.

"I am sad," Gen. Pershing said, "that the feeling among the American people is lax. They do not realize the depth, the terrible nature of this war. We are at war. America's entrance into this grim struggle is the deciding factor. On the United States will rest the brunt of the burdens which war will impose."

Herbert C. Hoover, named by President Wilson as food controller, declared that France faces untold destruction of property, a total displacement of population, enormous losses of human life, of man power, animals and productive instruments.

"In France today there are more than 3,000,000 people unable to get back on their feet without our help," Mr. Hoover said. "To estimate the amounts needed to rehabilitate the devastated portions of France, to supply her with the implements necessary to put her on a basis where she will be able to produce and support herself, would be to name figures vastly larger than those that we now mention. But remember that in France, where the manhood of the nation is being sacrificed to the cause of liberty, there is abundant outlet for every measure of the American nation's generosity."

### Not Prepared.

Former President Taft prophesied Germany's downfall and earlier peace because of the entrance of the United States into the war.

"Germany has deliberately antagonized this country at a time when we can furnish more money, more resources, more men than any other nation on the globe," Mr. Taft said. He deprecated the fact that the United States had not devoted more thought to preparation for war before hostilities were begun.

## CARD TOURNAMENT GIVEN FOR CITY HOSPITAL

The social event of the season will be the card tournament Thursday, May 31, at Mayes' hall. It will be given under the auspices of the Calvin Crozier chapter and the proceeds will go toward the furnishing of a room in the proposed new city hospital. The tables will be sold at \$1 each or 25 cents a hand, which includes also refreshments. In the afternoon at 4:30 rock will be played and there will be no prizes.

In the evening at 8:30 both rock and bridge will be played and prizes will be given. The tables will sell the same as for the afternoon. It is suggested that congenial friends arrange a table together and that clubs buy tables.

### Jurors for Criminal Court.

The court of general sessions will convene on Monday, June 11. The following have been drawn to serve as jurors: C. F. Bobb, F. R. Wicker, J. B. Gregory, M. E. K. Glymph, John O. Franklin, S. C. Rikard, W. T. Brock, G. E. Bowers, J. D. Sease, Frank E. Miller, J. E. Shealy, J. M. Martin, E. M. Cook, W. M. Alewine, Jordan Vaughan, D. I. Franklin, J. M. Vaughn, W. Y. Taylor, George A. Dickert, Z. W. Dennis, Jeff T. Cromer, C. H. Rice, N. T. Hipp, A. G. Leitzsey, R. S. Boozier, John T. Fulmer, J. Y. Floyd, Jr., J. M. Dennis, H. B. Wessinger, J. W. Reeder, John Swittenberg, J. H. Baker, J. D. Nance, B. L. Dorrity, John A. Long, E. S. Dominick.

### Meeting of Rural Carriers.

The Rural Carriers' association of Newberry county will meet in the court house at Newberry at 11 a. m. on May 30, 1917. Every carrier of the county is requested to be present.

W. G. Peterson, Secretary.

## GOOD SHOWING BY MR. BARRE FOR NEWBERRY SCHOOLS

Mr. Charles P. Barre who will retire from the office of county superintendent of education on July 1 will leave all the school districts in good shape financially. There will be no overdrafts in any district except possibly one, and Mr. Barre hopes that he may be able to arrange so that there will be no overdraft even in that one. Some of the districts have a balance but as stated none except possibly one will have any overdraft. Mr. Barre has done some excellent work during the two years of his official life as county superintendent and it has been done quietly with no fuss and feathers but the work has been constructive and substantial.

During his term of office special taxes have been voted on in 19 districts and the tax was carried in 18 of these, and there is one other election to be held before he retires in the St. Luke's district for an increase of the tax to 8 mills.

There are now ten rural graded schools receiving State aid as such schools and one that voted the 4 mills tax but failed this year to have the necessary enrollment and therefore could not get the \$200 but was given \$100 from the special fund in the hands of the State superintendent. The rural graded schools receiving State aid as such are:

Jolly Street, three teachers.....	300
St. Luke's, three teachers.....	300
Silverstreet, two teachers.....	200
Trinity, two teachers.....	200
Jalapa, two teachers.....	200
Smyrna, two teachers.....	200
Wheeland, two teachers.....	200
Swilton, two teachers.....	200
Pomaria, two teachers.....	200

Total.....\$2,200

There are four high schools in the county all of which receive State aid as follows, the amount stated here being the total amount, and in two installments:

Whitmore.....	\$ 500.00
Little Mountain.....	500.00
Prosperity.....	450.00
Newberry.....	700.00

Total.....\$2,150.00

On the building fund Mr. Barre received from the State superintendent aid for buildings at

Kinard.....	\$300.00
Prosperity.....	300.00
Monticello.....	100.00

Total.....\$700.00

Under the term extension fund aid was received from the State for several schools. This aid is given in districts that have not sufficient funds to run five months from the ordinary sources and that have voted a special tax of 2 mills. The following received that aid:

McCullough.....	\$ 100.00
Heartford.....	100.00
Johnstone.....	100.00
Saluda.....	100.00
O'Neal.....	100.00
Monticello.....	100.00
Fairview.....	87.00
Big Creek.....	100.00
Central.....	100.00
Garmany.....	100.00
Union.....	72.00
St. Pauls.....	100.00
Excelsior.....	100.00
Chappells.....	100.00
Old Town.....	100.00
Bush River.....	100.00
Tranwood.....	100.00
Kinard.....	100.00
Fork.....	62.00
Belfast.....	71.00
Presley.....	100.00
Reagin.....	100.00
Broad River.....	100.00
Reederville.....	100.00
Tabernacle.....	100.00
Zion.....	100.00

Total.....\$2,492.00

From the equalization fund to help needy schools in the hands of the State superintendent of education Mr. Barre has received \$1,375.00 for the following schools:

Maybinton.....	\$ 59.00
McCrary.....	44.00
Johnstone.....	17.00
St. Luke's.....	100.00
Saluda.....	10.00
Swilton.....	40.00
St. Phillips.....	90.00
New Hope.....	61.00
Little Mountain.....	600.00
Wheeland.....	40.00
Union.....	15.00
Jolly Street.....	500.00
Mt. Pilgrim.....	8.00
Mudlic.....	13.00
Whitmore.....	250.00
Fork.....	90.00

Total.....\$1,937.00

This makes a total of State aid received by Newberry county for the schools of \$9,479.00. The schools are in good condition and moving along nicely.

## Another Soldier Struck by Train.

Charleston American.  
Columbia, May 26.—W. W. Gaultley, a member of the Laurens county First regiment, was fatally injured near Spartanburg this morning when he was struck by a Southern passenger train, according to reports to Col. McCully here. His skull was fractured and he sustained other injuries from which he died in a Spartanburg hospital this afternoon. He was unconscious when found.

## OVER FIVE MILLION ARE UNMARRIED MEN

Total of Bachelors Within Draft Age Limits is 5,372,400, Bureau Reports.

Washington, May 26.—By a census bureau estimate today classifying the more than 10,000,000 men within the military draft age limit, the number of single men is placed at 5,372,400 and the number of married at 4,545,900.

The estimate was prepared on a basis of a normal increase in population since the 1910 census and on the assumption that the ratio between married and single men is the same as at that time.

The classification by chief occupations is given as follows:

Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry 2,864,000; manufacturing and mechanical industries 3,030,000; no gainful occupations 500,500; transportation 967,000; trade 154,000; public service 144,000; domestic and personal service 441,000; professional service 335,000; clerical occupations 274,000; extraction of mineral 364,000.

The government, it has been stated, will not exempt any particular classes of industry from conscription but will deal with cases individually. Individual, said, has appealed to the war department necessary to preserve an economic balance will be exempted. Nearly every line of industry, it is said, has appealed to the war department for exemption of its workers.

Some few classifications are not included in the figures.

## SOCIETY.

The members of the Epworth league of Central Methodist church and their friends were entertained very delightfully Thursday evening by Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blease at their home in Main street. Tasteful decorations of bright flowers added to the attractiveness of the home for the occasion. Progressive conversation was enjoyed for an hour or so, after which a delightful ice course was served by a bevy of young girls. Miss Jones served punch throughout the evening. About 50 couples were present.

A very pretty party was given by Mrs. A. T. Brown Friday evening to Mrs. W. B. Wallace, a recent bride. The decorations were red, white and blue and the dainty score cards were also designed in these patriotic colors. Five tables of players were present and after several games of rook a delightful ice course was served.

The last meeting of the Woman's club for the year was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. Herman Wright. The house was beautiful in its decorations of Dorothy Perkins roses. An interesting talk was made by Dr. J. P. Kinard and several vocal numbers were rendered. About 50 ladies were present and delightful sandwiches and tea were served.

## Drayton Rutherford Chapter.

The business meeting of the Drayton Rutherford chapter, U. D. C., will be held at the residence of Miss Cora Dominick Tuesday afternoon, May 29, at 4 o'clock. The exercises in commemoration of the birthday of Jefferson Davis will be held at 5 o'clock instead of 6 o'clock as previously announced. A delegation of veterans and sons of veterans from the James D. Nance camp and the officers and executive committee of the Calvin Crozier chapter are cordially invited to attend these exercises.

Mrs. Frank R. Hunter, Secretary.

## ADDITIONAL REGISTRARS.

The following persons have been appointed as additional registrars for their respective precincts for the purpose of assisting in the registration June 5, 1917, of all male persons between the ages of 21 and 31 years, and have been notified to appear before the sheriff of Newberry county some time prior to June 5 to take the oath as prescribed by law.

Whitmore—A. M. Watson.  
Garmany—B. B. Leitzsey.  
Central—Sligh Wicker.  
Mollobon Mill—D. D. Darby.  
Chappells—J. J. Murran.  
Jalapa—B. L. Albritton.  
Jolly Street—J. W. Richardson.  
Williams Store—H. D. Hollingsworth, L. H. Senn.  
Maybinton—W. D. Hardy.  
St. Phillips—H. H. Ruff.

Mr. W. A. McSwain has been appointed to assist in making up the summaries of the county after the registrars have made their report.

S. J. Derrick, Chairman.  
Jno. C. Goggans,  
W. F. Ewart,  
County Board of Registration.  
W. W. Cromer,  
Clerk.

## THIS IS COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT PROSPERITY

The High School Closes Successful Session—Death of Two Good Matrons—Personal Mention.

Prosperity, May 28.—The high school commencement began on Sunday when the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. C. J. Shealy, pastor of Grace church. As usual, the Rev. Mr. Shealy's sermon was full of practical and timely advice, especially to the graduating class to which he stressed three facts of character, building, purity, service and goodness.

The continuation of commencement will be as follows:

Tuesday evening at 8:30, the boys' declamation contest.

Wednesday evening at 8:30, the girls' reading contest.

Thursday evening at 8:30, the graduating exercises.

The climax of the scholastic year will be reached Friday evening when the music pupils of Mrs. J. Frank Browne will give their annual recital.

Miss Willie Mae Wise has gone to Aiken to assist in a short course in the demonstration work.

Mrs. Edd Counts, who was operated on at the Columbia hospital last Thursday, is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. W. T. Fincher and little daughter, Florence, of Cartersville, Ga., and Miss Ruby Russell of Jacksonville are here to be present at the graduating of their niece Miss Ellen Wheeler.

Misses Annie Moseley of Jacksonville and Louise Cullum of Batesburg are the guests of Miss Marie Schumpert.

Mr. R. K. Wise of Sandersville, Ga., is home for the summer.

Miss Susie Langford, who has been teaching at Gibson, N. C., is home for the summer vacation.

Miss Lois White of Sharon is visiting her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. White.

Messrs. Fred Schumpert of Dallas, Texas, and B. S. Schumpert of Columbia spent the week-end with their brother, Mr. F. E. Schumpert.

Mrs. Layfield of Augusta is spending a while with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jim Price of Columbia spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schumpert.

Mr. Edd Counts has returned from Columbia, where he has been to visit Mrs. Counts.

Mrs. Mary Rawl of Newberry is visiting Mrs. J. B. Simpson.

Mrs. Liggett of Scotland Neck is expected this week to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. J. Rawl.

Miss Leila Dennis of Newberry spent Sunday at the home of Dr. C. T. Wyche.

Mrs. George Vaughn died Saturday after a lingering illness at her home near St. Luke's. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Harmon at the Prosperity cemetery Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Vaughn is survived by her husband, one son, Herman Vaughn, and two daughters, Ollie and Marie Vaughn, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Mrs. J. Press Hawkins of the St. Luke's section died Sunday morning, after a few weeks' illness of pneumonia. The funeral was held at St. Luke's church Monday morning by her pastor, the Rev. B. W. Cronk. Her husband and three daughters survive. Mrs. H. L. Shealy and Misses Lucile and Isabelle Hawkins. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

Children's day program at Zion church Sunday, June 3, at 10:30 a. m.: Song service.

Prayer.  
Song "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"  
Recitation, "Welcome to the Cradle Roll," by four girls.  
Recitation, "Baby," Vera Barnes.  
Recitation, "Baby in Church," Annie Bell Harmon.  
Song 86.

Recitation, "The Beginners," by three girls.

Recitation, "Doing the Noble Thing," Ruth Nichols.

Recitation, "Little Things," Thomas Nichols.

Recitation, "Children's Day Joy," Ray Bedenbaugh.

Song b, six male voices.

Primary department boys.

Recitation by Mary Ellen Bowers and Lee Dominick.

Song 163.

Recitation, "He Kissed His Mother," Isolene Harmon.

Recitation, Elizabeth Barras.

Recitation, "The Little Outcasts' Plea," Jackie Kunkle.

Song 128.

The junior department.

Recitation, "The Maiden Martyr," Cecil Mills.

Song 138.

Story, "The Boy Who Wanted to Help," Cora Summers.

Offering.

The music recital of Miss Rawl's school will be held at the opera house on Friday evening, beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. It will last an hour and a half. No number of the program will take longer than seven minutes in its performance. Absolute quiet during the recital is requested and expected. The public is cordially invited.